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The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat a share of the hidden manna and I shall award to him a white voting-pebble, and on the voting pebble (will be) a new name engraved, which no one knows but he who receives it.

The Conqueror—he shall be clothed in white garments, and I shall not at all erase his name from the book of life, but I shall acknowledge his name before my Father and before his Divinities.

The Conqueror shall not at all be punished by the second death. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear.

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Letters from four ladies, two preachers and a Bishop. May you enjoy reading them as I enjoy publishing them. We were compelled to issue double numbers of the Divine Life *in* 1932 *to offset the thousands of campaign pamphlets distributed free of charge. Beginning January,* 1933, *the issues will arrive consecutively, on time; the first issue is now about ready for mailing. Subscription* $1.50 *per year. Single copies at news stands* 15 *cents. Sample copies free on application.*

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Yours for Divine Life,

HARRY E. RICHEIMER.

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LETTERS FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

DEAR MR. RICHEIMER: Are you better? Hope so, able to be up and doing. One of the Baptist Church members came back for more DIVINE LIFE MAGAZINES, her father deacon in the Church; they like them—said they never heard of them before. I replied the reason why the Roman Church fights them; she said they are doomed now, the other religious people are going to war on them in this election. They are all working for a Third Party. I hope so, this will end the old order of things about time. I feel a great many old foggies must pass out—what a blessing it would be. I received this card (Dr. A. E. Strath Gordon of Huntly, Scotland) read the list of lectures; I feel he is a wolf in sheep clothing out for England. He is trying to keep England and America united. I tell you the crooked things that go on under the cloak of Religion. It is time the American people rose up and fought for liberty and justice but

you take a few silly women who can be led around by telling them they are lovely and how they work for these things. I cannot see it, they think me hide bound to DIVINE LIFE. I stand for justice, not bunk.

I like DIVINE LIFE last two issues (August and September-October). I think the creed ministers should read them and they would know how to read their Bibles; they never teach anything. We fed a man Thursday morning, bright to visit with; he took DIVINE LIFE, also the pamphlets; said Hoover best President Britain ever had. He sleeps in the park and begs food like many others. The People will never vote for him and the liquor issue has killed him to his speech, wet all the way through. He is traitor to the People, anything to get in for honor.

They think me crazy as soon as I say stop making all taxpayers a slave to your desires. I chased a Roman Catholic ass yesterday mighty fast with telling him I was out to fight the City of Detroit Welfare being thrown on to the State for care. He said they are human beings. I replied let them act like human beings, they don't know what the word means; they breed like bed bugs on the wall, then think I and every one else should lay down our lives for them. I said to him if I was a man I never would sign my offspring off to any fat priest nor would I confess my sins to any man. He was a Roman pape; I replied I know it. He accused me of being a red, I replied bah! if people can think, they belong to some class or color. You are a tool in the hands of the priest craft and a fool!

He beat it. I told him I would be a man among men, not a braying jackass; he didn't like it. They hold up such simple things about getting blessings from a saint for the things they do, always looking for a reward or

a Jesus to die for them. I tell you the Race will have to pass out before we can have any peace of mind or spiritual progress. These braying asses retard every one's growth and what good are they? I read the bill signed by the fool in New York, gave it to my mail man; he said, why are the Americans so asleep; I replied the gold god they worshipped for years has made them so, the spiritual ones won't have to suffer that way. He is afraid Hoover will get in, I replied let him, the sooner the Race passes out the better; they only learn through hard knocks. You couldn't teach them anything, they laugh, make fun and now let them learn through suffering.

By the way I almost forgot to tell you that Dr. Strathon Gordon, the man that was with Peeley Movement, will be here next week to lecture. Has left Peeley—found the psychic plane too much bunk and Peeley under control all the time so they broke; he won't have anything to do with it, he will lecture against the Roman Church but he would like to link England and United States up—they all have some crooked thing up their sleeves. They telephoned me to see if I would go and help; I will see. You know it takes one's mind away from the spiritual but I do want him to have the last two issues of DIVINE LIFE and the pamphlet so will hand them to him. They ask me to help on everything but I refuse many times. They always say doesn't DIVINE LIFE control me. I reply no, but I understand the teaching well, I see the spiritual meaning of everything DIVINE LIFE prints. I see Israel ruling, the Sons of God, you can't be one unless you understand union with GOD within your own Soul, not some outside force; they are all so willing to play with the astral plane and be controlled by

it. People all looking to juggle the law and the law juggle them; they all feel someone in Europe has something for them. You see Gordon is not a citizen, an Englishman to the backbone and a yeller for H. P. B. and a Shriner and Mason. I said so am I a Mystic Mason, who is not that comes into the understanding of GOD and starts out to be the Builder on the Path to Conquer the I.

Yours for Divine Life,

Highland Park, Mich. M. C.

FROM A MINNESOTA LADY

Duluth, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Richeimer:

Received on August 4th a copy of the Magazine, DIVINE LIFE, and on Aug. 6th received a package of five copies of the Magazine together with two books, "Light on the Path," and "Voice of the Silence," all in good shape. I thank you not only for the books but for the kind thoughtfulness back of sending them. It is very good of you. I can't get too much of those books. Have been looking them over. If you have studied them for the past twenty-five years, I know I shall have to study them a long time, too, to grasp the main burden of the teachings. Shall appreciate getting the John Davies translation of the Bhagavad Gita as you say I shall. You are going to a great deal of bother on my account sending all these books to me, but I like them very much and shall study them a great deal. There is a startling correspondence with the detailed instructions in these books concerning the Paths, and the underlying contents of the Bible teachings. But the final goal of perfection in the Oriental teaching, the Nirvana, seems to me to be a state of unselfconscious

and eternal spiritual perfection in contradistinction to the self-conscious state of eternal perfection of spiritual selfhood of the Heaven of the Christian teaching. Maybe though on closer examination the two teachings will be found to be exactly alike on the matter of man's final attainment as on the matter of the detail process and progress.

I do hope the necessary money to carry on your work will be at hand. Under this hideous social and economic system money is made the object, the end, and not even the mere means to an end it should be. And we are compelled to struggle to get this trash money whether we like it or not. It helps to make this World even more Hellish than it would need to be. I would only wish to have some of the junk to put it to good use, and it would go to DIVINE LIFE pretty fast too, where it could be put to the best of uses. The thousands of pamphlets you are mailing out undoubtedly fall on good ground and hit the right people, even though there are occasionally ones who are resentful and prejudiced.

I can understand how you can be all wrapped up in the work of the DIVINE LIFE so that you would feel as if you would want to "pass out" without it. It fills an important need of the Country just now, and its like is nowhere else to be found. It makes me think of the artists and poets and musicians who joy in their work and frequently say that if they could not paint, play or write they would not wish to breathe, or would wish to hang on at all to this planet, or words of the same meaning. Yes, Life is sure Hell here even under the best of physical conditions, and most of us have not the best. This World, as to its nature, is the only Hell there is, and it may be better, indeed, in other worlds

or states of consciousness, for the very reason that it could not be worse. Anyway, what kind of life is it here? Seems like what might be called mere animation. It sems reasonable to try to get on the plane of the highest or most spiritual self, in thought, and then drawing on the Inexhaustible Power and good in the spirit of "Thy Will, not mine, be done" in such a way as to cause the worst conditions of the physical to disappear, such as for instance, sickness, fear, and doubt. One can expect and demand health and protection for the whole self, if it is done in the spirit of "Thy Will, not mine be done." But it is not easy.

Have run into some disagreeable experiences with both Spiritualists and the old style Theosophists. There is real danger in the teachings of Spritiualism. And why should it be called Spiritualism when there is nothing spiritual about it? It is the lowest materialism. It drags downward and destroys. It attracts the uneducated, the really ignorant, the gross, and the immoral. It makes of its devotees mental wrecks. As People become involved in its web they lose the power to distinguish between right and wrong, and often they become insane. Even the People may go to hear lectures and sermons by Spiritualists merely as an amusement and because of curiosity, they are not immune from harmful influences, as the leading spiritualists use the drawing and pulling power of thought on the People, causing them to have the desire to come again and again to their meetings and seances. Once an ordinary person gets under the stupor of the circle and the seance it is almost as difficult to pull such away as it is to get a drug addict away from his vice, and the will of the victim becomes weakened.

It is horrible the way these psychics exploit the People. The worst of it is they lead people into false beliefs, and frequently are the cause of insanity and crime. While the faculties of clairvoyance, clair-sentience, clair-audience, etc., are latent in most and active in some, they should be recognized in their proper place and used on their proper plane, not confused with the physical senses, although (it seems to me) they are material though a stage less material than the physical senses. Better that those who wished to investigate the occult laws of nature would seek the guidance of the Most High or GOD, every step of the way, so that they need not be trapped! If only there would be a campaign of education against the vices, the snares and pitfalls of so-called Spiritualism, its outward cloaking of religious appeal would no longer attract, but repel all the more!

Among the old time Theosophists there are those who believe that fairies and brownies or spirits of earth, air, water, etc., exist as separate entities and can be seen and photographed. I can't say as I have not seen them. I can imagine, and can paint pictures of such imaginary beings, as any artist can. Well, a Theosophist some time ago, who was a hard-headed business man and should have known better, showed me some photographs of persons and trees and flowers in and around which there were fairy and brownie forms in wings, drapes, and with trumpets flying and sitting around. This man implicitly believed that these were actual photographs of these ordinarily unseen spirits, and it was impossible to reason with him and dislodge his opinions. It is a shame to play such cheap tricks on the public for a little profit. As if there could be any proof that there are fairies, brownies, or spooks

that can be photographed, whether seen or not. Am very much afraid that it is trickery on the part of the photographer and spiritualists. I happen to know that it is very easy to make drawings, paintings, or indistinct figures on the negative of a photograph, or superimpose one on another, so that in the finished print there will appear more or less cloudy or even clear images of persons and things not originally photographed. Strange that people will permit themselves to be thus easily fooled! Spiritualism, or rather psychic sensationalism, should be mercilessly exposed so that they would no longer have any dark corners to hide in. Even leading Spiritualists admit that one gets into communication, most likely, with only the lowest, the vilest, and the wicked and depraved spirits, and not with the good. That admission alone is the strongest condemnation of the spiritualists. And Theosophists have gone too deeply into the disgusting and loathsome mire, and many have found they could not get out themselves, but had to be pulled out by the heroic efforts of others.

Speaking of the Bahai Movement there are a few of them here in Duluth, too. They all seem to work themselves into a fever of enthusiasm for their Religion. They rave about its beauty. It is true that their books on the subject are characterized by very beautiful language. But there is very little else. Nothing so startling. And there is nothing that cannot be found in the other Oriental religions. Really, I can't see anything in it to get excited about. There is a certain hotel in Duluth, the Spalding Hotel, to which every year or even oftener the promoters of all the strangest and most psychic cults, and Unity leaders and dark skinned Orientals and teachers of mystic and magic

arts come and give a few lectures and mind-reading stunts at first as bait, then inveigle their listeners into taking courses of lessons in psychic methods of getting health, wealth, and wisdom, for money of course, and when they leave they leave the city filled with a few more shallow fools with enough knowledge of hypnotism to do mischief, and with considerable less dollars in their purses. To a sensitive that hotel must be haunted! No laws to protect the innocent from those! Education alone would help. And there should be an educational force to warn and defend the public from such.

It is comic and tragic about Persia or India sending their emissaries to save America, when these saving religions are the narcotics used by the ruling classes of their native lands to keep the people asleep, to keep them ignorant, to keep them from being self-governing. Perhaps the present ruling class of America is not altogether averse to encouraging these would-be saviour and dope-peddlers to come over here and hand the public falsified religious teachings so as to distract their minds from the true state of governmental and political affairs.

In Persia and India the outward practice of their religious systems are obviously degrading to the people, keeping up the caste and class system which requires the "I am Better than thou" attitude. Of course, we have that situation here, and the secret understanding between the aristocratic kings, and leaders of political parties of America and a couple of the European countries is to keep up this state of affairs. There is a grumbling among the submerged American working classes which would naturally lead to revolt—if they had reliable and honest leaders. Our czars of industry

and finance are far harder to overthrow, because far more subtle and cunning, than all the czars of Russia.

There used to be a popular saying among the Scandinavian countries that America was the "Promised Land of Rogues and Rascals," on account of criminals and lawbreakers running away to America to escape penalties in their own countries. And America used to accept them. They came to their "Promised Land" surely, judging from the way they terrorize and virtually rule in the great cities by means of gangster law. There is liberty for the wrong doers, but not for those who are trying to do good. The World is an incarnate jest. Hope you are not troubled any more by outside interference and it must be that you should retain your health. Thanks ever so much for the books.

Miss E. S.

FROM A LADY IN MAINE

Brunswick, Maine.

My Dear Mr. Richeimer:

Your bundle of pamphlets duly received. The contents are carefully studied. I am in hearty accord with your principles and wish I could live to see them become a living reality in the minds of all AMERICANS. While we are assured that "ALL things are possible with God," (righteousness) is there sufficient righteousness in our midst to elect such a President as you describe and if so where and who is he? If we have in our ranks such a man we need to know him. If too late to nominate him for '32 election let's get busy and spend our next four years making him known to the point of his overwhelming majority election in '36. Meantime, in your opinion is not Mr. Hoover a better

choice than the Tammany man? Is not Rome a far more dangerous foe to American standards, traditions and ideals than Great Britain? Is not the concerted, organized effort of Rome to destroy our educational system, marriage laws, a more widespread and sweeping attack upon all things AMERICAN than is British influence? I think so! Then of the two alternatives open to our present choice which is the safer?

While Franklin Roosevelt poses as a Protestant, no true Protestant could possibly be a Tammany man and the very fact that every last politician backing Roosevelt is a radical Romanist, should convince us that Rome will get all she is working for through him, as surely as she would through Smith. Have you any reason to believe that Mr. Hoover would sell us out to Rome? as quickly as Roosevelt would? If so, what are these reasons? Roosevelt has proved himself pro-Roman in everything but name.

Can you advise me, or can you secure authentic information as to the truth of the report that Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt was educated by a Catholic? From her own pen we learn that she was educated in Paris, France, by one Mlle. Souvestre and when asked why she diverged so radically from the traditions of President Theodore Roosevelt, his principles and standards, Mrs. Roosevelt replied that her European education accounted for that.

Her oldest son has been stumping for his father throughout our French Catholic sections of Maine, and other Canadian border states talking to them in the French language. Thus the French Catholics are being won as the Irish have been. Every Catholic in the land will vote for Roosevelt and why if he is a real Protestant, when Rome hates Protestantism? If you can

secure the facts regarding Mrs. Roosevelt's European education will you kindly advise me at your earliest possible convenience?

Any other valuable information will be gratefully received and made good use of. Any other literature for distribution which you wish circulated, please send.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ethel M.

W. C. T. U. REBUKE SENT TO MRS. ROOSEVELT

Kent Council Disapproves Talk on Girls' Drinking.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 17.—The Kent County Council of the W. C. T. U., aroused by the statement of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt that "the average girl of today faces the problem of learning very young just how much she can drink of such things as whisky and gin," has sent a letter of protest to Mrs. Roosevelt. The letter follows:

"Your recent talk over the radio in which you referred to our girls and their drinking shows that there is a lamentable breach in your knowledge and that the welfare of the whole community of women and girls does not enter into your vision nor engage your sympathy and compassion. Apparently only those favored few of 'our girls,' the daughters of rich, leisured and well-endowed families, are the exclusive objects of your concern.

"We are distressed to find from her own lips that the wife of the President-elect of our country has so limited a knowledge, so selfish an interest and so restricted a view of the womanhood of the nation.

"For every girl you claim as one of yours, Evangeline Booth and Jane Adams can show a thousand who have been saved from the dangers of learning how much they can drink through the observance and enforcement of the prohibition laws.

"Millions of families have been kept safe for democracy; now the Democrats have pledged themselves to destroy this bulwark, but even so you yourself need not so gaily and unthinkingly aid the attack.

"The President whose hand signs the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment will go down in history as an enemy of the people; posterity will despise him, you should endeavor to stay that hand and not add your little insult to the terrible injury about to be done to all our girls living and yet to be."

FROM A NEW YORK LADY

Mr. Harry E. Richeimer,
Divine Life Press,
Chicago.
Dear Sir:

New York City, N. Y.

Please accept my thanks for your letter, and the magazine which came later.

I should have explained more fully in my former letter that I have but recently become interested in the subject of "religion," both the true and the false, that I find much of the misunderstanding on the subject at present due to the loss of the knowledge of symbology, and that I have begun to collect all kinds of matter, anywhere I find it, relating to these subjects. Hardly more than the desire first to educate myself, then to educate others with whom I come in contact.

The notation to look up the U. S. Seal literature has been on my desk for years, and yet I only got to the point of a thorough investigation a few days before writing my letter to you. Seeing your illustration of the reverse of the seal, I knew of course you must have the cut, and while I have had a photostat made of the illustration in colors, as found in the pamphlet issued by the State Department, I would like to have more copies in order to give to others. It is amazing how ignorant we all are on almost everything. As to the emblem on the cover, it is merely a chance to get together what I want in the easiest manner possible, as otherwise I have no way of getting copies of drawings except by photostat. I have no immediate expectation of doing anything with these two emblems except to use them as means of education. They are only two of a vast number I am interested in—the spiral, for example; the swastika; the interlaced serpents; the serpent emblem in general, the woman and moon symbols, etc.,

The State Department has issued two booklets on the seal, one in 1892 of 32 pages, exceedingly dull; one in 1909, 72 pages, much better, but letting it be known that the reverse side is something to be kept hidden—it is very plain that our officials are ashamed of "the Eye of Providence" as they call it. Ignorance again. This 1909 booklet has the following concerning the exhibition of the seal at the World's Fair:

"... But the appearance presented by the reverse was so spiritless, prosaic, heavy and inappropriate that it was never hung." Your pamphlet states that it was hung, but that someone turned its face to the wall.

I was quite interested in your statement that the Lincoln Gettysburg Address had been tampered with, and today I took occasion to see if our library had any-

thing on the subject. I was shown a photostat copy, in Lincoln's writing, in which the words "under God" were included. The reading matter accompanying this photostat gave six copies of this document, side by side, and the first two were as you say, without "under God," but two others, written off by Lincoln in 1864 (for some organization or other) *did* have "under God." A reported copy of the address in the New York Tribune, bearing all the "applauses," printed Nov. 21, 1863, also has the words "under God.." This makes a mess, but I think the solution is that the first two copies were drafts, that Lincoln did not follow them absolutely in his speech, and that when it came to making later copies he must have trusted to the newspaper reports. Certainly there are several copies, in his hand, and no two are exactly alike.

Since you are so encouraging, I will say more: When I began looking into these matters, about three years ago, I had a very broad and open mind. I am not "religious," and never have been, simply leaving the subject for those who liked it. But I started out on these researches with two definite questions in my mind, and I demanded an answer: Why are so many human beings always poor and sick? Why do *I* have certain disagreeable experiences of the same kind, over and over again—mostly with other human beings.

I have found the answer. And I have found it where I never would have thought of looking, but merely by following the clue I have been led to it—or driven, whichever you wish. It is *religion,* or rather that which passes for such. It is the false ideas of religion. To these false ideas I can lay almost every ill that afflicts humanity today — a very broad assertion, but I can back it up.

And the worst offenders are the heads of the Roman Catholic Church. I see you are making a gallant fight against this "hydra-headed monster" (I would like to call it a worse name), but are you making headway? They are so strongly entrenched, I have looked myself for a toe-hold somewhere but as yet I see none. I know some Catholic persons and they are very good people —all but that. But it has been my experience over and over again, "scratch the surface of the best of them, and there you find the Catholic mind, as hard to penetrate as the iron sides of a battleship." Literally, their priests seem to have poured their doctrine into the heads of their dupes, and it has hardened there, so that now it is all of one piece. Therefore I say again, "What are you going to do?"

They have robbed humanity of the truth which might be its saviour at this time, and fed it on a tissue of lies. Is it any wonder our hospitals, poorhouses and asylums are full to overflowing? Everywhere I look I can see the proof of what I am saying. And as far as tampering with the Lincoln manuscript, that is nothing. Have they not been doing similar things for two thousand years? Our books are full of lies; our dictionaries, encyclopedias, current literature, etymologies —all are crammed with misstatements, with words wrongly defined or twisted far from their original meaning, not alone on religion—on everything. I have learned this difficult lesson: there is no information to be had from our modern writers. And the reason? It is to laugh. "Chritsianity," my friend. . The settled conviction that nothing ever happened "B. C." and that all the people living before that time were just benighted heathens. The word "pagan" is one that has been twisted far out of its original meaning—I have

traced it. And the person most guilty is a Bishop Trench, back in the other century. He had a penchant for writing books on the English language—and all the fools since copy him most servilely. No, not quite all; a few etymologists have seen through him, but I do not think any has seen what he has done—he has thrown a little thicker veil over the Truth that once all men knew.

And so I say, More power to you! But you have picked a big job. Are you making any headway?

I do not want you to send me the material asked for free. I much prefer to pay for it. Five of the U. S. Seal booklet would suffice, and 15 or 20 of the other two.

Thanking you, and wishing you every success, I am

Yours very truly,

Agnes Hope.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VOCATIONAL COUNSELLORS

Gardena, California.

Mr. Harry Richeimer, Editor,
"The Divine Life Magazine,"
P. O. Box 1010, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Richeimer:

May I not take this liberty of giving you a "pat on the back" for your most splendid article in your August magazine on the black Persian orator who performed at the Wilmette BAHAI MOSQUE.

Really this is most unusual for a writer in any Theosophical magazine to stand up for the Western Culture of America, because 99 44/44% of the time anything pertaining to real Americanism is decried

and ridiculed. But then thank our good old YANKEE common sense that your writing arm is not paralyzed.

It so happens that way back in 1922 I "belonged" to the Besant T. S. and have resided at the old Krotona Institute (now Rupert Julian's KROTONA INN) and I have also been a member of the Tingley Society.

At present I am Bishop of the Los Angeles diocese, LIBERAL CHURCH OF AMERICA and Secretary of THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VOCATIONAL COUNSELLORS, but I am still interested in your type of Theosophical Americanism.

Success to you, I am, Mr. Richeimer,

Yours very cordially,

Kaye Hyde, D. D.

Secretary, The American Association of Vocational Counsellors,
Box 133, Gardena, California.

FROM A FLORIDA GENTLEMAN

1222 Katherine Street, Fort Myers, Florida.
June 22nd, 1932.

Mr. Harry E. Richeimer
536 So. Clark St., Room 978
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Sir:

Thank you for the copy of DIVINE LIFE and Shall Foreignism (Continue to) Rule America?

—Yes, I believe you *are* the world leader, or perhaps better said, the central medium of the world leader. Or, still more sharply defined, you are the Will thereof. Thus does my Higher Self indicate to myself; but as I am not so competent mediumistically on this highest godhead-plane, perhaps I should content myself with saying that I see the Liberty Party of "Coin" Harvey,

as the JOHN BAPTIST movement which will and does prefigure merely, The Independent Peoples Party of America which is the final CHRISTHOOD. In other words, the former is the Intellect which receives its lifelikeness from the Will, which is the latter; until the Will intussuscepts the Intellect, and the two are omnipotently one. Harvey is an old man—time to pass over to you.

Well, anyway, I am glad to know you are here, and if the enclosed paper shows any sign of intelligible communicaiton or identity with your own ideas, please let me hear from you again.

Very sincerely and with awakened joy,

Harry Wm. Manley, LL. B.

METROPOLITAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Detroit, Michigan.

My Dear Mr. Richeimer:

Have just finished reading your new edition of "Ballyhoo," "WATCH AL SMITH, THE POPE'S PET." It is quite modest to say the least. YOU have yourself to thank for putting the "British Iscariot" where he is now with all the hooey you spread. It's just as well. You are the best campaign manager Hoover could ask for. Good luck, write more pamphlets, and help us to put a good man back in the President's seat.

Yours for Hoover and Prohibition,

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My Dear Sir and Brother:

The August number of your magazine "DIVINE LIFE," was delivered to me this morning. I have read it through. The tract enclosed dealing with "Saint Alcohol" is quite to the point.

I am now wondering if you are approachable. Religion is that one stumbling-block over which many have fallen, and your first paragraph pp. 129 has held my attention from first to last. I am always suspicious of any man whose professed experience rises above that which is written, and whenever I find it, a particular personage rises before me as one who has become an example for others to follow.

"Whence Come We?" Great question! I would respectfully call your attention to Gen. 1:26; 2:7. No doubt you have read these scriptures many times. The pronoun "I," in the second paragraph (DIVINE LIFE) page 129 quite confirms the foregoing opinion, and as I reread it, my mind was carried away beyond all that is written, yea,—beyond all that we can hope for, so long as we are human.

The Proof

"Immortality is not possessed in this life, but may be hoped for." See Rom. 2:7, 8. At His second coming it is fully realized by the redeemed. See 1 Cor. 15:51-55. The Ten Commandments will then measure the profession. Verse 56; Rev. 22:12-20. I have just re-read page 135 (DIVINE LIFE). I wish you might read my book, "Immortality and How Attained." Price 75 cents.

That scene Matt. 17:1-9 was our Lord's funeral sermon for all who are called upon to stand between

the living and the dead, and notice the "two classes," "worldlings and immortals." Please read Deut. 30:19; 1 Cor. 15:26. Your magazine smacks of "Christian Science" so-called, a perfect play with words. .

Again thanking you for this one copy I am hoping that you will resolve to stay within the bounds of what is written. See 1 Cor. 4:6.

In the Master's Name,

A. M. Lawson.

P. S.—For your further information will say the writer is a Baptist Minister, having held one position in this city for fourteen years.

WHO IS THIS MAN?

I? I? I who have risen from the dead! It is the Man who was resurrected 2000 years ago. The same identical Man who says: "If ye keep my words ye shall never see death." Audacity, impertinency, I hear the clergy say. What right have you to reply in the first person I? What right have you to give out a version apart and separate from what is written in our precious Bible? What right have you to be original and think for yourself? "Whenever I read your DIVINE LIFE I am immediately carried away to that grand exalted personage who lived here on Earth that others might follow Him," says one theologian who resides at Washington, D. C., and who is a Baptist light in the ministry—has been for the past 14 years. He does not see that the teachings of Jesus the Christ were impersonal; related to the Christ within the Heart of Man; that the whole of Jesus' teaching pertained to a life to be lived here on Earth and not merely a faith to be professed and a personage to be worshipped. That the teaching of Jesus the Christ pertained wholly and

solely to *this* life and not a life beyond the grave. "I am the Resurrection and the Life." He who *knoweth* that I am the Resurrection and the Life, becometh at one with ME here on Earth, the only place he can become at one with ME. Then AT-ONE-MENT with GOD here on Earth is the Message the DIVINE LIFE has been given to offset the false futile Doctrine of the Atonement — that Jesus Died to Save Us All — and there is no need of any Man working out his own Salvation!

The reverend gentleman of Washington, D. C., says I am all wrong—that Immortality cannot be attained in an earth body. It takes death to complete the work and not Life! If he would read his precious Bible more closely he would find that Jesus again asserted: "Lay up your treasures in Heaven and not here on Earth," showing conclusively that no Man could work for earthly treasures and be considered a part of this Heavenly program secretly working to leaven the whole lump into Light, Life and Immortality here and now! Jesus did not preach a post mortem doctrine; it is the theologians who devised and invented this scrap heap and not Jesus the Christ. He says: "Ye are the temples of the living God, not mere Ghosts of Dead Gods to come. Ye are living Gods; for if ye live in the Spirit let us walk in the Spirit."

The Doctrine of the Resurrection propounded by Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. John was wholly an allegorical construction and not in the least sense a literal one. The historical Jesus may not have entered into the whole scheme and yet the Christ theory would stand the test of time, nay has stood the test of time for thousands upon thousands of years, as other Christs in other times, fought, bled and died for a

suffering Humanity and shall die again only to be resurrected with the Sun God of the Ages. Oh, I cannot stand these dead literalists any longer; they hang on to Jesus like a drowning man to a straw, for if you remove the personage Jesus all is darkness, all is void and uncertainty. Why? Because they have not themselves evolved to a point where they find the whole kernel of the matter in a Christ written in the Constitution of Man and not merely in the historical personage of Judea. Feeling for the Clergy blind and erring as they are compels me to unite the Whole of Humanity against them. They have lied, cheated and misrepresented a grand, glorious teaching, meant to redeem the whole of the Race, have twisted and distorted his words past recognition and have the nerve, gall and audacity to label this Christianity.

I am here now on Earth to attest the power of the Spirit come to Birth and my writings bear evidence of the same for had I not made the grade and ascent into pure Spirit all I write would be so many words without a scintilla of Truth behind them to qualify what I say as being Spiritual Law and Gospel.

I have risen from the Dead, dormant minds of Earth. I give evidence of the God, Logos within and if you do not believe it listen to my Inner God speak to the Clergy: "This Man Richeimer will destroy all your Churches and give a New Doctrine of Brotherly Love to Humanity and he shall be declared the One to Lead the Sheep from the Darkness of Theology to the Light of the Christ Within. Prepare for your funerals—the Light Man now casts his RAYS OF TRUTH."

—EDITOR.

THE RELIGIOUS ISSUE

THOSE politicians of the democratic party who, otherwise satisfied with the candidacy of Alfred E. Smith for President, have turned from him to Governor Roosevelt in order to keep the religious issue out of the coming campaign, will be rudely shocked at the prospect of that same religious issue arising under the Roosevelt banner. But that prospect is definitely ahead of them. Mr. Roosevelt is not a Roman Catholic, to be sure, but he has recently given an exhibition of such subservience to the hierarchy that the question of his Americanism is bound to be raised by those citizens who are intelligently determined to keep our democracy free from church control of its laws and institutions.

Governor Roosevelt's exhibition of this subservience was his action in signing a bill passed by the New York legislature designed to prohibit every person connected with or employed by a board of education, and every person connected with or employed by a teachers' employment agency, from asking of or telling to any person—directly or indirectly, orally or in writing—the religious affiliation of any one seeking a position in the public schools of that state. The penalty for so doing is a fine of from $100 to $500, or imprisonment from 30 to 90 days, or both. This bill, by the governor's signature affixed on March 17, is now the law of the state of New York. Note the text of the new law:

> No person, agency, bureau, corporation or association employed or maintained to obtain or aid in obtaining positions for teachers, principals, superintendents, clerks or other employes in the public schools of the state of New York, and no individual or individuals conducting or employed

> by or interested directly or indirectly in such an agency, bureau, corporation or association, and no board of education, trustee of a school district, superintendent, principal or teacher, of a public school or other official or employe of a board of education, shall directly or indirectly ask, indicate or transmit orally or in writing the religion or religious affiliation of any person seeking employment or official position in the public schools of the state of New York. Any person who . . . shall violate any of said provisions shall . . . for every such offense be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or shall be imprisoned not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Not since a few states in the Protestant south, influenced by blind religious fanaticism, passed certain laws prohibiting the teaching of modern science in the field of biology, has a law so outrageous as this been put upon our statute books. But the New York law exceeds the southern laws in that it is a clear infringement of the constitutional right of free speech. There is probably nothing in the constitution to prevent a state whose taxes support its schools to determine what kind of teaching shall be permitted in those schools. If a state wishes to be that kind of state and wishes to have schools of that kind it is free to set limits to the pedagogical freedom of its teachers. But the New York law invades the most intimate personal and social life of every person employed by the public schools in any capacity whatever — superintendents, principals, teachers, members of school boards, clerks, and even janitors—and holds them accountable for asking, or telling, the religious affiliation of any person seeking

any kind of employment under the public school system of the state By all odds, it is the most astonishing law that has been enacted in the history of American legislation.

No member of a school board in any city or town, or any employe thereof, in the state of New York can ask of or communicate to any person the religious denomination of any applicant for any position in the entire public school system without thereby committing a crime! The purpose of the law is, obviously, to prevent school boards in country towns from finding out the religious affiliation of applicants for teaching positions. It is well known that in the larger cities teachers and other employes are presented by agencies or organizations whose very recommendation or failure to recommend carries with it whatever information may be desired concerning the applicant's religious classification. In New York City and other metropolitan centers many schools in predominantly Catholic sections are fully manned by Catholic teachers and other employes. Such situations are not so greatly endangered by the new law, as there are effective means for preserving the present control without making each employe's religious affiliation the subject of specific inquiry. In less populous sections it is not so, for the officials must deal more directly with each individual teacher and employe. Protestant churches have no organization or agency whose recommendations would carry any religious information whatever, except as it was asked for and explicitly given. It is now a crime to give such information, or to ask for it.

This is the law which Governor Roosevelt, candidate for the presidency, signed. He refused to grant a hearing on the bill, but affixed his signature within a

week from the date it was rushed through the legislature—in the case of the senate, without a record vote. The people of New York are hardly aware of the outrage that has been perpetrated upon their constitutional liberty. What the people of the nation are most interested in at the moment, however, is the prospect of Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy for President bringing a revival of the religious issue as the result of his weak subservience to the power of the Catholic church. Southern democratic leaders, seeking relief from the religious issue as embodied in the candidacy of Mr. Smith, have turned comfortably to Governor Roosevelt for whom plausible claims will be made on the liquor issue that he is as dry as President Hoover—"dryness" in both cases being measured by equivalent silences—and on the religious issue that he is not a Roman Catholic. ....." —The Christian Century.

Since the foregoing article fits in so well with the present situation, with Roosevelt as our President and Rome in the saddle at Washington, D. C., it behooves all true 100% Americans to be on their guard against encroachments of our God-given rights as Free Born American Citizens.

We affirm and reaffirm that Roosevelt will cater to the wishes of Rome ever as Smith would dare were he elected our President.

So we hope all readers of DIVINE LIFE will note well the march of coming events when the Roman Catholic Church in their zealous endeavor to MAKE AMERICA CATHOLIC will call on Mr. Roosevelt as their Standard Bearer and their Friend in the Great Oncoming Struggle to capture the American Eagle and give us a NEW DEAL!

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